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Three area FM radio stations get CRTC nod

APPROVAL Airwaves in the National Capital Region are about to get a bit more crowded.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has approved three new stations.

The CRTC announced it has approved an application by Radio de la communauté francophone d'Ottawa at the frequency 94.5 FM. The station plans to offer 126 hours of programming each week, including 94 hours of local programming, most of which will be produced by Franco-Ontarian volunteers.

The CRTC also confirmed its approval of the applications by Astral Media Radio Inc. and Torres Media Ottawa Inc., which are allocated the 99.7 and 101.9 frequencies on the FM dial.

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Laid to rest **A soldier's return**

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Jonathan Bobbitt, right, receives the flag from a soldier yesterday at the Valcartier Garrison in Shannon, Que., after the funeral of his brother Cpl. Christian Bobbitt. Cpl. Bobbitt, 23, was killed by a roadside bomb along with Sapper Matthieu Allard, 21, on Aug. 1 in Afghanistan. A funeral for Allard is to be held tomorrow in Val-D'or, Que.

RCMP should not police themselves: Watchdog

Self-investigation in serious cases flawed, inconsistent, says report

Mounties should not investigate themselves on serious cases that involve death or sexual assault, according to a report released yesterday.

The current system, which was used to investigate the death of Polish immigrant Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport, is flawed, inconsistent and fails to instill public confidence, the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP (CPC) has concluded.

"As the seriousness of an alleged offence by a member increases, the discretion for the RCMP to respond as it deems appropriate must be removed and be replaced by mandatory requirements," said CPC chair Paul E. Kennedy.

The RCMP doesn't have "solid policies" on how internal criminal investigations should be handled.

Of the 28 cases examined, a main investigator who personally knew the accused conducted 25 per cent of them.

In 60 per cent of the cases, a lone investigator was assigned and their qualifications varied significantly.

To remedy the situation, the CPC is recommending the creation of a National RCMP Member Investigation Registrar to co-ordinate the development of policies.

Serious investigations should be referred to an external police force or provincial criminal investigation body with the involvement of a CPC observer.

A manual should also be created to give Mounties guidelines on how to handle lesser offences.

Kennedy said the changes are necessary because police are held to a higher account by the very nature of the work they do.

METRO CANADA

Teen charged in 12 bank robberies

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INVESTIGATIONS Ottawa police have charged a man in connection with a dozen bank robbery investigations.

On Monday, Ottawa police responded to three separate bank robberies in a two-hour span beginning at 10:41 a.m. and ending at 12:45 p.m.

In all three cases, a lone male passed a note making a demand for money and made off with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Police located a vehicle of interest after the third robbery and arrested two males. They later released the driver of the vehicle from custody without charge.

Police have linked a male to 12 bank robberies, including the Scotiabank at Herongate Mall and the Bank of Montreal on Montreal Road on May 21; the Scotiabank on McCarthy Road on May 27; the CIBC on Lorry Greenberg Drive on June 1; the Royal Bank on Bank Street on June 3; the Royal Bank on Centrepointe Drive on June 4; two Bank of Montreal branches on June 10; the Scotiabank at Herongate Mall last Saturday and a Scotiabank, Caisse Populaire and a Bank of Montreal on Monday.

Roy Harb, 19, appeared in court yesterday to face 15 counts of robbery, 15 counts of uttering threats and 12 counts of wearing a disguise.

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Construction worker hurt after being thrown from backhoe
A 28-year-old construction worker suffered shoulder and leg injuries after being thrown from a backhoe after it fell into a six-foot-deep trench yesterday. Paramedics said the man was digging a trench along the foundation of an existing home when the incident occurred. METRO OTTAWA

Local

Sound and Light show bumped up

The National Capital Commission has bumped up the time for its Sound and Light show on Parliament Hill. Canada: The Spirit of a Country will be presented at 9 and 10 p.m. seven days a week until Sept. 13. The 30-minute multimedia show, which features original music, giant images and lighting effects, has been seen by more than one million spectators since its 2005 debut. The show ends this year, with a new show scheduled to premiere next summer. METRO OTTAWA

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Talented youth to put on a show

COMPETITION There is a boatload of talented young people in Ottawa and the cream of the crop is laying it all on the line tonight at the Bronson Centre.

To celebrate International Youth Day, United Way Ottawa's Youth Action Panel has set up the Youth Got Talent 2009 competition featuring 10 of the most exciting young musical and dance artists in the city.

"People will be very impressed," said co-ordinator Kelly Paolozzi.

While Ammar Abou-Agena, a 23-year-old beat-boxer and fourth-year biology student from the University of Ottawa, is "looking forward to performing a lot more," singer-songwriter Kristy Hagerman, who is performing her own song, is already a veteran of talent contests at age 13.

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Gateway plans move ahead

Chinatown landmark to span Somerset Street by next summer

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After years of planning — and some government help — Ottawa's Chinatown will finally be getting a gateway on Somerset Street.

The federal and provincial governments are both contributing $125,000 to the project, while the city donated the land the gateway will sit on when it is completed next summer.

Even China's capital city of Beijing will have a role in setting up the gateway by designing the gate and providing special construction material, said Lan Lijun, the Chinese ambassador to Canada.

"The gateway will be a unique landmark in Ottawa and a popular tourist attraction that not only symbolizes the friendship between our two countries, our friendly co-operation, and the position and the pride of Canadian-Chinese, but also adds to Canada's cultural diversity," Lijun said.

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Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi, flanked by Ottawa Chinatown Gateway co-chairs Larry Lee, left, and Peter Yeung, stands in front of a mural depicting the Chinatown Gateway. Next year, a completed gateway should span Somerset Street at Cambridge Street.

Larry Lee, co-chair of the Ottawa Chinatown Gateway, said the landmark will put on display Ottawa's Chinese heritage, which will enrich the heritage of the entire city.

While the gateway is being organized by the Chinese community, Peter So, chair of the Somerset Street Chinatown BIA, said it is proof that all newcomers to Canada are welcome.

The city's Chinatown plays an important role in ensuring tourists have a great place to visit, and this gateway should add to the attractions in Ottawa, said Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi.

"I know this project has been talked about for a long, long time," said Naqvi. "I look forward to this gateway finally being built and adding another landmark to this great city of ours."

Meteor shower to return for encore display

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SPACE While the largest meteor shower of the year peaked early this morning, astronomy enthusiasts will still have a chance to catch the Perseid meteor shower tonight, said the vice-president of collection and research for the Canada Science and Technology Museum Corp.

"You might have to be a bit more patient," said Randall Brooks.

The meteor is the result of the Comet Swift-Tuttle passing around the sun, said Brooks, who is also an astronomer by training. It leaves a stream of small dust particles and small rocks, he said.

"As the Earth goes through the stream, that's when we see a meteor shower," he said.

Although there are dozens of meteor showers caused by different comets throughout the year, this one, which occurs every 15 years, is among the best known "because it's in the summer and it's nice and warm out," Brooks said.

"People are at the cottage and they make it an annual event to go out to watch the sky. It's the one people are most familiar with."

Most of the meteors are visible past midnight and in the early morning.

"You need a clear view of the sky, so head just outside the city," Brooks said. "The best direction to face will be southeast."

As for equipment, you don't need any.

"It's best viewed with just your eyes," Brooks said. Meteors move about 60 kilometres per second and flit across the sky quickly. "The meteors flash across so fast that if you try to watch it with binoculars, you would be very lucky to see it scoot through your field of view."

The meteor shower coincides with the International Year of Astronomy, said Brooks.

"We're urging people to go out and have their own Galileo moment and discover something in the sky."

Rain dampens housing starts

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REPORT New home construction in Ottawa was dampened by the "wettest July in Ottawa's recorded history," the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said yesterday. In a report, the CMHC said total housing starts in the Ottawa Census Metropolitan Area declined to 537 units this year from 696 units in July 2008.

"Expectations of strength in July activity ... met with the wettest July in Ottawa's recorded history." Sandra Pérez Torres, CMHC

"After the uptick in June's pace of starts and the marked summer rebound in resale activity, expectations of strength in July activity in Ottawa's new home market met with the wettest July in Ottawa's recorded history," CMHC senior market analyst Sandra Pérez Torres said.

Although experts anticipated greater growth in construction for higher-density dwellings, the rain affected that as well. Provincewide, home starts in all markets — with the exceptions of Guelph and Thunder Bay — declined to 39,000 units in July from 45,800 units in June.

In Ottawa, most of the recent housing starts were downtown — thanks to strong condominium apartment starts early in 2009 — and in Rockcliffe Park, Vanier and Gloucester, while areas with the least growth were Cumberland, Kanata and Goulbourn.

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To Kill a Mockingbird pulled from high school

The classic literary novel To Kill a Mockingbird is being pulled from the Grade 10 English course at an Ontario high school after a parent complained about the use of a racial epithet in the book. Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel challenges racial injustice in America's Deep South. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada

Young to be honoured

Eclectic rocker Neil Young, left, who has made no secret of his disdain for the Grammys in the past, is receiving a humanitarian award from the group that hands out the music industry's top honours. The Canadian singer-songwriter, 63, will be honoured during the 20th annual MusiCares gala taking place in Los Angeles on Jan. 29, two days before the Recording Academy holds the Grammys. REUTERS

Canadians back public health care: Poll

Majority supports 'public solutions' to the country's health-care issues

Days before a Canadian Medical Association meeting expected to be dominated by talk of privatized health care, a poll indicates overwhelming support in this country for keeping medicare public.

The poll by Nanos Research, to be released today, found 86.2 per cent of the 1,001 people surveyed supported or strongly supported "public solutions to make our public health care stronger."

"There is compelling evidence that Canadians across all demographics would prefer a public over a for-profit health-care system," Nik Nanos of Nanos Research said of the poll, commissioned by the Canadian Healthcare Coalition.

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Nik Nanos, Nanos Research

Support was strongest in Quebec, at 87.6 per cent and lowest in Ontario at 84.1 per cent.

The poll, conducted between April 25 and May 3, is considered accurate within 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The CMA meets for four days beginning Sunday, when outgoing president Robert Ouellet will present the results of a five-country study of health care in Europe.

The study is expected to call for private clinics, such as the chain of radiology centres owned by Ouellet, to play a bigger role in Canada's health-care system.

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War resister wins a new review

COURT The first female Iraq war resister to seek refuge in Canada has won a new review of her case based on punishment she might face in the U.S. for speaking out against the war.

Federal Court Judge James Russell yesterday ordered a second immigration officer to examine the case of Kimberly Rivera, 27, who served in Iraq in 2006 and fled to Canada in 2007. Russell said the first officer failed to take account of the harsh punishment outspoken anti-war deserters have received in the U.S.

Two war resisters whom Canada deported back to the United States, Robin Long and Cliff Cornell, have been court martialed and sentenced to 15 and 12 months in prison respectively. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Diplomacy Canada signs trade deal with Panama

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper, right, and Panama's President Ricardo Martinelli wave before the start of their meeting in Panama City yesterday. Canada and Panama signed a free trade agreement that will eliminate tariffs on most exports to the Central American nation.

Charity sent cash abroad, auditors say

FINANCES A Canadian charity has lost its licence after auditors found most of the $184 million it recorded during one year as charitable donations had gone offshore to a Bermuda company.

It's now unclear how much — if any — of the donations to the nobly named Funds for Canada Foundation helped the many charities it purported to be assisting. The best guess federal auditors could come up with is about $1.3 million.

"It is our position that the charity has operated for the non-charitable purpose of promoting a tax shelter arrangement and for the private benefit of the tax shelter promoters," said Terry de March, director general of the federal Charities Directorate, in a recent letter to Funds for Canada.

In the case of Funds for Canada, auditors found that donors who gave $2,500 to the charity received a $10,000 tax receipt. Most donors who took part in the program are being audited by the Canada Revenue Agency.

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Drug injection sites in Ottawa?

HEALTH Even as the future of Vancouver's controversial supervised drug injection site remains in doubt, a group of researchers are quietly studying whether Toronto and Ottawa would benefit from similar facilities.

The study will evaluate whether there is a need in the two cities for clean, staffed medical clinics where drug addicts can inject or use illegal drugs, including heroin and crack cocaine.

"This is not a study to see how to establish a site. This is a study to look at whether it makes sense to have a site or not, whether there should be one site or multiple sites or no sites, and whether the sites, if there should be any, should be fixed or mobile. We will be answering those types of questions," said Dr. Ahmed Bayoumi, a co-principal investigator of the study and scientist at the Centre for Research on Inner City Health at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

Vancouver's Insite program, the first supervised injection site in North America, has been embroiled in controversy since it opened in the city's Downtown Eastside in 2003.

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French embassy worker out of jail in Iran

A staff member of the French embassy in Tehran who is on trial for spying has been released from jail, although she is still being prosecuted, French President Nicolas Sarkozy's office said yesterday. Nazak Afshar is among dozens of defendants at a mass trial. REUTERS

World

Woman in trouser case can't travel

Sudan has barred Lubna Hussein, a woman who faces 40 lashes for wearing trousers in violation of decency laws, from travelling abroad, she said yesterday. Hussein, left, said she tried to leave to appear on a TV show in Lebanon. "It emerged when I tried to get an exit visa that my name was on a blacklist," she said. "There is no way to get out of Sudan." REUTERS

Sentence draws condemnation

MYANMAR U.S. President Barack Obama condemned Myanmar yesterday for convicting and sentencing opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi and called for her "immediate unconditional release." A court sentenced Suu Kyi to 18 months in detention, a verdict that will keep her off the political stage ahead of next year's elections. The court handed down a three-year prison term for violation of an internal security law, but it was immediately halved on the orders of the military government, which said the 64-year-old Nobel peace laureate could serve the time in her home. The U.S. State Department called the charges against Suu Kyi "spurious" and President Barack Obama said the conviction violates universal principles of human rights. REUTERS

Teen charged in school plot

State prosecutors in Germany have charged a 16-year-old schoolgirl with attempted murder for planning to burn her classmates alive this year.

The teenager from the western town of Sankt Augustin is accused of hatching a plan to lock pupils in their classrooms at her school and set fire to the building with gas bombs, prosecutors in Bonn said yesterday.

"The accused has made a comprehensive confession," prosecutors said in a statement. "According to her own statements and the investigation, she appears to have had a huge problem with fellow pupils, teachers and her parents."

If found guilty of attempted murder, as well as charges of causing grievous bodily harm, planning an explosion and breaking gun laws, she faces a youth custodial sentence of up to 10 years.

On May 11, the girl entered the school armed with the gas bombs, a starting pistol and a short sword with which she planned stab a teacher in order to steal the classroom keys, prosecutors said.

However, the plan failed when another schoolgirl stumbled upon her in the toilets as she donned a mask. The accused wounded the 17-year-old with the sword but a teacher intervened to rescue her. REUTERS

Slovakia **Mine victims remembered**

RADOVAN STOKLASA/REUTERS

Residents light candles yesterday during a memorial for miners killed in Monday's mine explosion in Handlova, Slovakia. The Slovak government will launch an investigation into the coal mine explosion which killed as many as 20 workers, Prime Minister Robert Fico said.

Charity head found murdered

CHECHNYA The kidnapped head of a children's charity and her husband were found murdered in the trunk of a car in Chechnya yesterday in the latest in a string of killings in the troubled Russian state.

The bodies of Zarema Sadulayeva and husband Alik Dzhabrailov were found with multiple bullet wounds hours after they were seized from the office of the Save the Generations charity in Grozny. The attack comes a month after leading Chechen rights activist Natalia Estemirova was kidnapped and murdered by unknown assailants.

"It is impossible to contemplate rights work in that region now," said Human Rights Watch activist Tatyana Lokshina, who regularly travels to Chechnya. "Activists there are terrified."

Regional leader Ramzan Kadyrov has been accused by some critics of ordering the killing of Estemirova and ordering rights abuses by the security forces.

Kadyrov condemned the killings as an "inhuman crime" and said he would take the investigation under his personal control. REUTERS

Journalist killed

- In a separate attack in Chechnya yesterday, a copy editor for a local newspaper was shot dead, a police spokesman said.

News in brief

TAIWAN About 700 people from the remote mountains of southern Taiwan were found alive overnight after it was feared they may have been buried by mudslides, officials said. The survivors from four villages made it to higher ground before walls of mud and rock submerged their homes, said Hu Jui-chou, an army official involved in the rescue effort.

FLU Costa Rican President Oscar Arias is suffering from influenza A (H1N1, also known as swine flu), a government official said yesterday. Nobel Peace Prize winner Arias, 68, expects to return to work Monday, officials said.

HIV Fifty million women in Asia are at risk of being infected with HIV because of the risky sexual behaviour of their husbands or boyfriends, leading health experts said yesterday. REUTERS

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Checkout time for woman as naked hotel guest gets lost
A drunk, naked man lost his way at a New Zealand hotel and ended up sleeping in the wrong room, forcing its female occupant to hide in the bathroom. REUTERS

Health 'hostages'

Obama accuses insurance firms of rationing care

U.S. President Barack Obama ripped into insurance companies yesterday in a hard-hitting defence of his health-care plans.

In his most extensive criticism of the insurance industry, he accused companies of rationing care and receiving unneeded government subsidies.

He said Americans are too often "held hostage" by insurance companies that deny or drop their coverage or charge fees they cannot afford.

"I believe it is wrong — it is bankrupting families and businesses and that is why we're going to pass health insurance reform in 2009," Obama said.

"Let's disagree over things that are real, not these wild misrepresentations that bear no resemblance to anything that's actually been proposed."
Barack Obama

Obama is trying to convince Americans a speedy, $1-trillion overhaul is needed to fix a "broken system."

As opponents and proponents rallied outside a New Hampshire high school, Obama faced a largely supportive crowd inside.

"Where we do disagree," Obama said, "let's disagree over things that are real, not these wild misrepresentations that bear no resemblance to anything that's actually been proposed."

Outside, Obama supporters waved signs saying, "Insurance companies are enemies of change" and "All Americans deserve affordable health care."

Opponents held banners saying "Hands off my health care."

Obama's push for healthcare reform seeks to provide coverage to nearly 46 million uninsured Americans, rein in rising medical costs and regulate insurers REUTERS

Memories **Olympic icon dies**

REUTERS/COURTESY OF THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

In a newly released photo, Eunice Kennedy Shriver poses with an athlete at the Special Olympics World Summer Games 2007 in Shanghai. Shriver, who founded the Special Olympics, died yesterday at the age of 88.

The Mona Lisa is still smiling

ART A Russian woman angry at failing to obtain French nationality hurled a cup at the Mona Lisa but did not damage Leonardo da Vinci's famed portrait at the Louvre in Paris.

The unnamed assailant was immediately arrested.

"The woman threw an empty cup at the Mona Lisa, but there was no damage as the cup smashed when it hit the screen protecting the painting," said Louvre spokesperson David Madec.

"She was visibly upset," he added, saying she had subsequently undergone psychiatric testing. REUTERS

News in brief

WEDDED BLISS A bride in Germany spent her wedding night passed out next to a crate of vodka in the back seat of a car. She had to be rescued by police when the BMW began to overheat in the sun. The dazed woman had no idea where the car keys or her husband were, police said. REUTERS

Monsoon rains give H1N1 virus a boost

Flu **Outbreak**

PANDEMIC Influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, is spreading in India, Thailand and Vietnam with the onset of Asia's monsoon season, the World Health Organization said yesterday.

But transmission of the new virus appears to have peaked in parts of the southern hemisphere including Argentina, Chile, Australia and New Zealand, the United Nations agency said.

The toll

- The H1N1 flu outbreak has spread around the world since emerging in April.
- It could affect two billion people, the WHO says.

Some 177,457 cases of the virus — including 1,462 deaths — have been reported worldwide, but the true number of infections is much higher, the WHO said.

India's health ministry last week confirmed the country's first death from H1N1, a 14-year-old girl.

Countries are now only obliged to report their first confirmed cases to the WHO, which said there is no point in counting each infection as the virus is unstoppable. REUTERS

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Plenty of quacks online

Outcry follows YouTube posting of ducks being shot

TheWestView

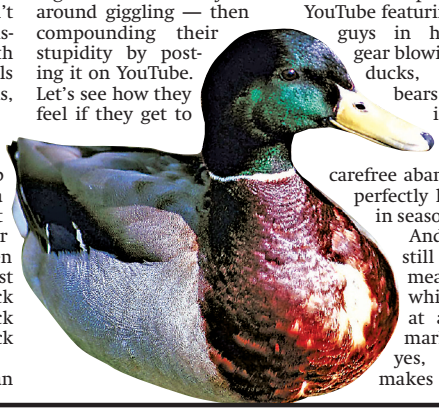
You know you're not a good old boy (GOB) when ... you don't get hunting. And I don't get hunting.

Call me crazy but I don't understand the great satisfaction that goes with blowing up small animals for fun. Or large animals, for that matter.

So when I watched the YouTube video of the three yahoos blowing up ducks for yucks on a Saskatchewan slough, it set what's left of my hair on fire. If you haven't seen it, it's easy to find. Just Google "YouTube duck shooters" and click straight through to shock and outrage.

And there has been an outcry. The three GOBs in question pleaded guilty to various violations of the Dead Bird Act. Of course, they got off with a fine and a rap on the knuckles — so now their fake contrition can evaporate like a morning mist on a Prairie pond and they can go back to being full-time morons.

If the punishment fit the crime, they'd be up for an extended stay in the Hardrock Hilton for trashing nature while they run around giggling — then compounding their stupidity by posting it on YouTube. Let's see how they feel if they get to be the sitting ducks and the jailhouse regulars get to be the hunters.



The sad truth is that one of the charges these guys pleaded guilty to was hunting out of season — a mere technicality. In season? All you need is a licence and a ridiculously overpowered firearm.

The even sadder truth is these YouTube boobs are hardly unique. There are hundreds (thousands?) of other videos posted on YouTube featuring beefy guys in high-tech gear blowing away ducks, rabbits, bears and various ungulates with carefree abandon, all perfectly legal, all in season.

And yes, I still eat meat, which I buy at a supermarket. And yes, that makes me a shameless hypocrite. I'm trying to quit. But here's the news: We have perfected the technology of fang and claw. There's no need to go out and actively track down dinner, unless you're one of the few thousand people left on the planet who are legitimate hunter/gatherers.

And if you try to convince me there's something special about duck à la buckshot, you're just adding insult to injury. Real men eat tofu.

GOBs, it's time to hand in your weapons. There are plenty of exciting alternatives to exterminating Daffy and Donald and an annual estimated 100 million of their woodland friends. Take pictures of ducks instead. You get to shiver for hours in a blind, just like hunting. You don't need a licence and it's a helluva lot easier on the critters.

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Worth mentioning

Parenting has changed over generations: Study

Fathers who were spanked as children are less likely to spank their own children than mothers who were spanked while young, according to a U.S. study.

Researchers from Ohio State University set out to see if 1990s parents followed the practices of their own mothers but found parents today were showing a lot more affection to their children, reading to them more and spanking them less.

"We were surprised that mothers seem to learn a lot about the parenting role from their own mothers, but fathers don't follow their mothers as much," researcher Jonathan Vespa said in a statement.

The study of 1,133 young adult parents, whose mothers took part in a 15-year study from 1979, found significant generational changes in parenting practices. Overall, there was a large generational shift in which the second generation of parents was much less likely to spank than their own parents.

Second generation mothers who were spanked at least once a week were found to be nearly half as more likely to spank their own children compared to mothers who weren't spanked. REUTERS

3 Reading to children had also increased markedly, the study found. Nearly three times more mothers in the second generation reported reading to their children daily compared to their own parents.

Word on the street: How has the economy affected your vacation plans this year?

Kevin McMillan
age 35, Ottawa
A: We've gone on vacation but it wasn't as big of a vacation as we've done in previous years. We haven't gone as far, for example.

Karen Foreman
age 41, Ottawa
A: It hasn't really affected my family's vacation plans. We're in fairly steady jobs, and we're planning a couple of holidays actually before the end of the year.

Pheing Ngo
age 27, Ottawa
A: I think the economy has affected a lot of people's vacation plans. For me, I'm planning to go to California closer to the winter instead so it'll be a little cheaper.

Celina Vee
age 26, Toronto
A: Fuel surcharges are so high, so whether I want to book a flight or take a car to visit a friend's cottage, it's still going to cost ... more than it usually would.

Joe Young
age 23, Enfield, N.S.
A: Not really. A couple of times trips fell on my lap and I took advantage of them. They were very cheap.

Samantha Thomson
age 30, Vancouver
A: (The economy) has forced me to take more vacation. In a tougher economy we look for more escapism. I just came back from France and England.

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28% SAID YES

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Lions Gate to distribute DVDs through Redbox kiosks

Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. said yesterday that it had reached a deal to distribute its DVDs through Coinstar Inc.'s low cost Redbox kiosks. Many Hollywood studios believe the chain's $1 rentals are hurting both rental revenue and DVD sales. REUTERS

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Business in brief

REAL ESTATE Canadian housing starts fell unexpectedly in July, dropping 4.1 per cent from June and breaking a two-month run of gains, largely because of a drop in construction of multifamily dwellings. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said yesterday that starts fell to a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 132,100 units in July from a downwardly revised 137,800 units in June.

RETAIL Rona Inc. reported a lower second-quarter profit yesterday. Canada's biggest home-improvement chain, with about 700 stores across the country, said earnings fell to $60.8 million from $76.6 million a year before.

WIRELESS Canada will examine the proposed $1.13 billion sale of Nortel Networks Corp. assets to Ericsson under the Investment Canada Act, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday. REUTERS

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Bankruptcies up 51% in June

Canadian bankruptcies rose 51.6 per cent in June compared to a year earlier as more consumers were unable to pay debts, but business bankruptcies rose only modestly despite the recession, a government report showed.

The number of consumer bankruptcies in June rose 54.3 per cent to 10,823 from June 2008, while business bankruptcies rose 10.8 per cent to 515, the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada said in a report.

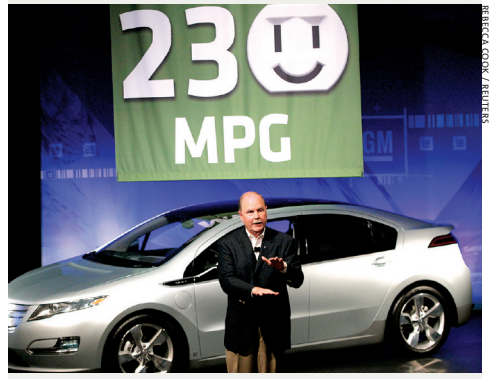
"The sharp jump in consumer bankruptcies is not too surprising given we're coming off a recession, and it's probably a lagged response to the massive job losses earlier in the year," said BMO Capital Markets senior economist Sal Guatieri. "Job losses have moderated, so we should see a slower rate of increase in consumer bankruptcies going forward."

Manufacturing, especially Canada's auto factories, has been hard hit by restructuring at the Big Three auto companies and production cuts across North America. REUTERS

Affected sectors

- Business bankruptcies were concentrated in manufacturing, retail, finance, real estate and hospitality, while the number of bankruptcies in construction fell.

Michigan GM goes electric



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General Motors chief executive Fritz Henderson announces the electric Chevrolet Volt during a news conference in Warren, Mich. The Volt is on track to hit an unprecedented fuel economy rating of 98 kilometres per litre in city driving.

CTV asks Ottawa to again regulate cable, satellite bills

BROADCASTING The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission ought to turn back the clock and once again regulate the billing practices of cable and satellite companies, says CTV.

The broadcaster, owned by CTVglobemedia Inc., vowed yesterday to raise its concerns about "anti-consumer billing practices by cable and satellite companies" with the federal broadcast regulator during public hearings this fall.

"At a time when cable and satellite companies are experiencing record revenues and profits, Canadians deserve better including open and transparent billing practices from TV service providers," stated CTV.

The CRTC began deregulating basic cable rates in 1997. It has never regulated consumer prices for upper-tier cable packages, which account for 95 per cent of cable subscribers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Spezza invited to Olympic camp
Jason Spezza will take part in the national men's Olympic team orientation camp, Hockey Canada announced Tuesday. The Ottawa Senators sniper will replace Anaheim Ducks forward Ryan Getzlaf, who is recovering from off-season surgery. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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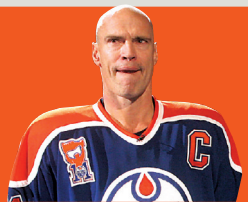

Moose helps Olympians

Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton, the governing body for bobsleigh in Canada, has turned to Mark Messier, left, to impart his leadership skills. The men's bobsled team has a long history as a fractious bunch, but Messier held them in rapt attention for the 2½ days he spent with the team. Messier is now offering his services, free of charge, to any Canadian Olympian who thinks he could help them out. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Adam van Koeverden of Canada competes in the Kayak Single (K1) 1000m Men's Heat at the Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park at Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

'Every athlete likes a challenge'

Van Koeverden upbeat after recovery from injury

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A free helicopter ride around the Grand Canyon might sound like the highlight of a memorable summer vacation.

But when it's the Arizona Department of Public Safety airlifting you out after you broke your ankle while whitewater rafting — and you're one of Canada's most recognizable Olympians — that free ride is a nightmare you'd rather forget.

That's the story three-time Olympic medallist Adam van Koeverden has to tell heading into the world sprint canoe-kayak championships tomorrow in Dartmouth, N.S.

"It probably wasn't the best way to get a Grand Canyon helicopter trip around the Hoover Dam," van Koeverden admitted with a wry grin at a press conference yesterday.

The injury certainly didn't help his bid to rebound after a disappointing showing at last summer's Beijing Olympics, where he offered a dejected apology on national television for an eighth-place finish in the K-1 1,000 metres.

Yet the only visible evidence of the June 16 accident is a three-inch scar on his right ankle — the result of surgery and having four half-inch screws drilled into his fibula.

He's calling the whole thing a "positive experience."

"I got back on the water feeling better than I did when I left," he said. "The rest definitely did its job."

The 27-year-old native of Oakville, Ont., said he only took three days of training completely off and had "a solid seven weeks of preparation" for the world championships.

"It was a challenge," he said.

"But every athlete likes a challenge."

Medal hopes

- Among Canada's other top medal hopes are Mark Oldershaw in the canoe singles events; Karen Furneaux in women's kayak singles; Richard Dobler and Andrew Willows in men's pairs kayak; and the women's K-4 team.

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Yankee homers sink Blue Jays

BASEBALL Hideki Matsui and Jorge Posada hit back-to-back solo homers in the eighth inning to give the Yankees the lead, and the club held on to edge the Toronto Blue Jays 7-5 last night.

Scott Richmond lasted six frames for the Jays and yielded three runs on eight hits with eight strikeouts and two walks.

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Murray wins at Rogers Cup

TENNIS Briton Andy Murray began his hardcourt campaign with a workmanlike 6-4 6-2 win over Frenchman Jeremy Chardy to ease into the third round of the Rogers Cup in Montreal yesterday.

Playing his first competitive match since falling to Andy Roddick in the Wimbledon semifinals, Murray struggled at times to find his rhythm after a five-week layoff but the third seed never looked threatened by his French opponent as he launched his buildup to the U.S. Open. REUTERS

Canadians out

- Frederic Niemeyer lost to Roger Federer, while Peter Polansky fell to Novak Djokovic.

Balsillie's bid suffers setbacks

COYOTES If the Phoenix Coyotes' bankruptcy case is analogous to a boxing match, than Jim Balsillie was staggered by a couple of solid body blows yesterday.

And the Canadian billionaire might hit the canvas even before the team goes up for auction on Sept. 10.

It was not a good day in court for Balsillie and his relentless pursuit of the Coyotes, the team he hopes to purchase and bring to Hamilton as Canada's seventh NHL franchise. Two developments were decidedly not in his favour.

Firstly, bankruptcy judge Redfield T. Baum, after ruling last week that the Sept. 10 auction was open to all bidders including Balsillie, has now set a hearing for Sept. 2 to determine whether the RIM co-CEO is a qualified bidder.

Balsillie has offered $212.5 million (all figures U.S.) for the team, conditional on him being allowed to move the team.

Secondly, the Coyotes' largest secured creditor has shifted its support from Balsillie's offer for the team to the $148 million bid from Chicago sports mogul Jerry Reinsdorf.

SOF Investments, which is owed $80 million, said had reached an agreement with Reinsdorf.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sports in brief

FORMULA ONE Seven-times world champion Michael Schumacher has cancelled plans for a temporary return to Formula One with Ferrari because of fitness concerns. The 40-year-old was due to replace the injured Felipe Massa but with a neck injury sustained in a motorcycle accident earlier this year still causing him pain during testing, Ferrari have given the seat to experienced test driver Luca Badoer.

CFL Winnipeg running back Fred Reid and defensive tackle Doug Brown, Hamilton linebacker Markeith Knowlton and British Columbia kicker Sean Whyte were named the CFL's top players for the sixth week of the season.

HOCKEY Chicago Blackhawks star Patrick Kane will be able to attend Team USA's Olympic camp next week now that his lawyer has managed to get his court date delayed by a few days.

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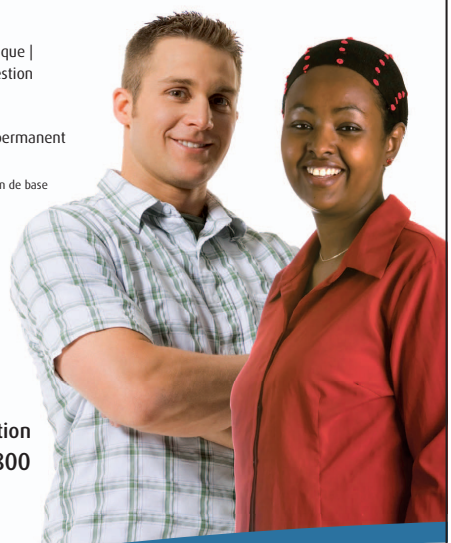

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U of T cracks top 20 in credibility

The University of Toronto has placed 13th among institutions worldwide for citations for its research in the last 10 years in new rankings by ScienceWatch.com. U of T was the only Canadian university among the top 20 institutions ranked. It was listed as the top Canadian school in a recent ranking by the Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation of Taiwan, which measures the performance of scientific papers. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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As a stuntman and stunt coordinator, James Bamford has been burned alive on numerous occasions, he says.

Crashing, burning and getting paid

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"People see the easy days and think, 'I could do that.' They don't see the days you break your arm." Stuntman James Bamford

James (Bam-Bam) Bamford has been burned alive, bashed with furniture and thrown out of high places thousands of times.

The 42-year-old stuntman, stunt coordinator and president of Stunts Canada has performed and managed stunts for more than a hundred movies and TV shows like Get Carter, Blade Trinity, Battlestar Galactica and Stargate Atlantis. If you saw the trailer for the recent movie Watchmen, that was Bamford getting kneed in the chest by Night Owl in a prison fight scene.

Bamford was a juvenile corrections officer and taught martial arts before getting into his start in stunts about 17 years ago. A stunt coordinator called him looking for a stunt double who could do martial arts for the TV show Cobra and tall, trim Bamford fit the bill perfectly. The director nicknamed him Bam-Bam that first day on set and the name has stuck with Bamford since. Bamford doubled for David Duchovny for most of The X-Files' entire run and was primary stunt coordinator on the recently ended series Stargate Atlantis.

Throughout his stunt career Bamford has worked with dozens of action stars like Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Vin Diesel. Gwyneth Paltrow smashed him over the head with a stool in the film Duets and he has been light on fire, thrown off cliffs and hurled through windows more times that he could ever count. While some people probably think that all sounds like a barrel of fun — and Bamford insists that it certainly is — doing stunts correctly and safely is much harder than it looks.

"People see the easy days and think, 'I could do that.' They don't see the days you break your arm," Bamford said.

"It takes an incredible amount of concentration and an incredible amount of athletic ability to perform a stunt correctly. Just to jump off a building you have to train your brain to allow you to do it. A stuntman is not a daredevil," he added.

While safety is paramount, no stunt is 100 per cent safe — that's why stunt people get hired in the first place.

"We're a calculated risk but there's always that risk. You try to make a stunt as foolproof as possible but the more variables you add, the more risk there is. For a 30-second fight sequence, the audience has no idea how much rehearsal goes into it. Prep is everything," Bamford said.

When things go wrong, they can go very wrong very quickly, like one time Bamford performed a sword-fighting scene with an actor who went off of the choreography. Bamford got his nose sliced open and barely missed losing an eye, all because of one small change the actor had made to his movements, without warning Bamford in advance.

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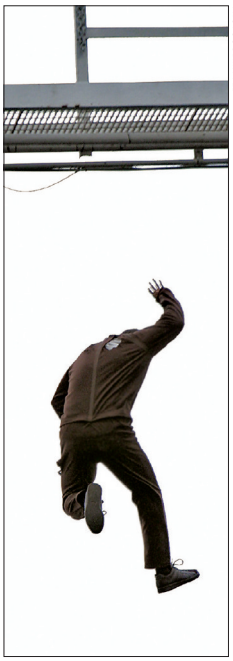

James Bamford is seen here jumping off a bridge for a stunt.

In recent years Bamford has focused more on stunt coordinating and second-unit directing and says being on the other side of the lens is just as fun and challenging.

"Getting the actor to perform their own stuff safely — that's an art in-and-of itself. It's very rewarding to know you've gotten them to do things they didn't think they could do," he said.

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• BAD FAITH DAMAGES MAY NO LONGER EXIST: Since the Supreme Court's recent decision in Honda, lower courts have been struggling with whether they can even award compensation to an employee based on the manner of dismissal. In one recent Ontario case where the trial judge found that the employer committed a "litany of errors" at the time of termination, which led to an employee's depression, the Court of Appeal overturned the award finding that such conduct was not "unduly" insensitive.

• FIRED EMPLOYEES MAY HAVE TO RETURN TO THEIR OLD JOBS: In light of the Supreme Court's decision in Evans, employees who have been constructively dismissed will generally be without an adequate remedy as the court imposed a requirement that they should remain in their jobs unless to do so would be intolerable.

• THE POINT OF "UNDUE HARDSHIP" IN ACCOMMODATING AN EMPLOYEE'S DISABILITY AT WORK HAS BEEN REWRITTEN: In Hydro Quebec, the Supreme Court ruled that a large organization, such as Hydro Quebec, was not required to create a new position in order to accommodate an absence-prone employee's particular illness. Accommodation does not require the employer to alter the essence of the contract, which is that the employee must perform his or her job, the court wrote.

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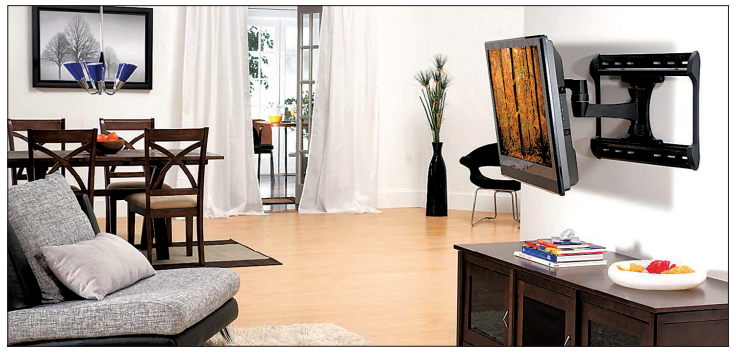
5 steps to installing a TV wall mount



Before installing your TV wall mount, you should make sure the TV will be at eye level.

Mounting a TV on the wall is fairly easy to do for the average do-it-yourselfer and safer than setting it on a piece of furniture.

Here are the basics of a typical installation project:

1 LOCATION: Pick where on the wall you want your TV to go. Place the TV at eye level to avoid neck and eye strain.

2 RESEARCH: Use a stud finder to locate wood studs. Stud finders are fairly inexpensive and are an investment that will come in handy for many household projects.

3 DRILL: Secure the wall plate to the wall after pre-drilling holes into the studs. If installing into concrete or brick, insert a concrete anchor into each drill hole until it's flush with the wall. If your wall has metal studs, ask the mount manufacturer if they offer adapter kits — most do.

4 LINE IT UP: Align the mounting holes on the back of the TV with the holes on the wall mount and attach.

5 FINAL CHECK: Attach the mount (with TV) to the wall plate and inspect your work to make sure everything has been properly assembled.

Ask your local electronics retailer for help in selecting a mount for your TV or try one of the many online compatibility tools available, such as the Mount Finder from Sanus Systems (sanus.com).

Always remember to install your mount according to the manufacturer's directions. Depending on the weight of your TV, your installation may require two people, so ask a friend to help. NEWS CANADA

Solar panels offer Ottawa-only savings

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Ottawans who take advantage of the Solar H2Ottawa program by installing solar panels are eligible for an extra $1,200 rebate.

Solar panels aren't just for calculators anymore.

For Ottawa residents, the time has never been better to install a series of solar panels on their homes and reap many of the benefits offered by various government branches.

Installing solar panels is one of many possible home renovations projects that qualify under the federal government's new Home Renovation Tax Credit in addition to other programs and incentives.

"The Solar H2Ottawa program is fantastic and few people know about it," said Peter Glover, director of sales and marketing for Ottawa Solar Power, a business that sells solar heating and electricity.

"It's an extra $1,200 rebate that people in Ottawa are eligible for and nobody else in Canada is. There are a bunch of initiatives going on across Canada, but this is the only one that gives money back to the home owner," said Glover.

The initiative is only available to 250 Ottawa systems, only 50 of which have been given out to date.

Beyond doing some good for the environment, installing solar panels onto a house can actually be a very profitable investment, despite the initial cost of $10,000 per kilowatt, which powers 100 square feet on average. The panels last longer — 30 years —, with a slight degradation rate of eight to 10 per cent after 20 years.

"With the feed-in-tariff in effect, we plan to sell mostly to on-grid homes," said Glover.

"The tariff gives a 20-year contract at a set price with the province, which pays 80.2 cents per kilowatt hour. Currently, most people pay about 12 cents a kilowatt hour," said Glover. "With this program, which is the same risk level as a GIC, you're looking at a 10 to 12 per cent annual payback."

The downside is that despite being able to get 100 per cent of a home's power in the sunny July and August months, usable electricity drops to 20 per cent in darker December, before rising to 45 per cent by February. Solar panels are not quite a complete calendar year solution to energy needs.

In addition to all the financial incentives, there is also the simple satisfaction of knowing you are doing your part to protect the environment.

"They have an immediate effect on air pollutions and greenhouses gas emissions," said Glover.

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The upcoming Chevrolet Volt has attracted plenty of attention in the last few years.

All charged up

Affordable electric cars no longer pipedreams

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

The world has a serious demand for environmentally friendly vehicles, and the automotive market is poised for an electric revolution. The latest wave of electric vehicles that were once only auto show pipedreams are now only a few months away from general consumption.

Many manufacturers currently have plans for new electric vehicles in the not-so-distant future, but Ford, General Motors and Nissan seem to be the closest to reality.

One of Ford's projects has a Canadian bent: Magna International, the Aurora, Ont.-based parts maker, is co-developing what's now been revealed as a battery-electric version of the next-generation Focus, due to arrive in 2011.

However, it will be beaten to showrooms by Ford's other battery electric vehicle (BEV), an electrified version of the new Transit Connect small cargo van in 2010.

"We're changing from a company focused mainly on trucks and SUVs to a company with a balanced product lineup that includes even more high-quality, fuel-efficient small cars, hybrids and all-electric vehicles," said Mark Fields, Ford's president of the Americas.

"As customers move to more fuel-efficient vehicles, we'll be there with more of the products they really want."

General Motors knows that its plug-in hybrid, the upcoming Chevrolet Volt, has attracted plenty of attention. Even Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty stood beside a pre-production model during his recent announcement of a $10,000 government rebate on range-extended hybrids and battery electric vehicles.

However, to everyone's surprise, GM announced another vehicle that will take advantage of the Volt's costly powertrain ... and it's a Buick.

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Mark Fields, Ford's president of the Americas

Announced late last week, the as-yet-unnamed small Buick crossover will be plug-in ready in 2011. The lithium-ion battery will fully recharge in four to five hours by simply connecting the vehicle to any standard household electrical outlet.

"Buick has always been at the forefront of new technology, so it is only fitting that the brand should debut our new plug-in hybrid technology in a beautiful new crossover," said Tom Stephens, GM vice chairman of product development. "This will firmly put Buick, and GM, front and centre in the advanced technology game."

Finally, Nissan shocked the world earlier this month when it announced its new battery-electric LEAF.

The company calls LEAF the world's first affordable, zero-emission car. Designed as a five-seat hatchback, the LEAF uses lithium-ion batteries and promises to travel more than 160 km on a charge.

Nissan claims its LEAF will be the world's first affordable, zero-emission car.

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AutoPilot

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Hydrogen is never found by itself in nature. But it is one of the most plentiful substances on earth.

In Canada, there might 10 filling stations where a person might buy it.

Ry Smith is director of the Hydrogen Village, an outreach project of the Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association. He notes we may have been spoiled by gasoline, which is incredibly easy to move around: "If you had to, you could probably carry gasoline around in a pail."

There is no doubt that hydrogen is trickier to move around.

It's a gas so you want to compress it, to make it more compact. That takes energy and stout tanks. If you really want to make it super compact, you can even liquefy it, which takes more energy and then it needs to be kept very cold. The BMW Hydrogen 7 runs on liquid hydrogen, so the cars have more range.

The other way is to make hydrogen is right at the fuelling stations. Honda is experimenting with a "home" unit that makes hydrogen from natural gas. (Then you could have a fuel cell in your house, for all your electricity needs.)

Considering we are moving to a post-fossil fuel future, we just might have to accept a bit more complexity in our energy infrastructure.

But there is no technical hurdle we need to overcome for a hydrogen infrastructure to take root.

The problems concern politics and commerce. The auto industry doesn't want to keep investing in hydrogen vehicles unless there are hydrogen filling stations coming.

The energy industry doesn't want to invest in hydrogen stations, unless there are thousands of hydrogen vehicles coming.

The government is not ready to mandate anything; it would rather let market forces be the arbitrator of winning technologies and winning companies.

So we have this uneasy equilibrium, creating an arid environment for the growth of hydrogen infrastructure.

Smith believes the best way to roll out the infrastructure is to let centralized fleets be the pioneers. That way one could make a fuel station business case work right off the bat.

Smith believes it's a certainty that hydrogen will be part of our future energy picture — automotive and otherwise — especially as we move to more renewable sources of electricity, like wind and solar.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years.

Fun with hydrogen

- Hydrogen is a beautiful fuel because when you use it for energy, its only "emission" is water vapour.
- You can design an internal combustion engine to run on hydrogen (as per the BMW Hydrogen 7), or you can use it to feed an on-board "fuel cell" to produce electricity to juice a motor (as per the Honda FCX Clarity).
- The most obvious "feedstock" is H20 (or water). But most hydrogen currently produced comes from hydrocarbons, like natural gas and coal.

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An Eclipse to watch

Redesigned coupe shows its many colours

ROB BIENTEMA
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2009 Mitsubishi Eclipse Coupe

Type: Four passenger, two-door sports coupe
Price: GS $25,998; GT-P $34,798
Engine: GS 2.4-litre four-cylinder (162 hp, 162 lb/ft); GT-P 3.8-litre V6 (265 hp, 262 lb/ft)

Highlights

- New colour options
- Fun to drive
- Impressive redesign

The Mitsubishi Eclipse Coupe boasts beautifully executed styling revisions and other improvements for 2009.

Yellow sports cars. Always seemed like overkill to me. Gilding the lily. Clamouring for attention. Unnecessary. An extrovert's exercise in ego-boosting.

I mean, having a sports car should be statement enough. Do you really need it in "hey, look at me!" yellow just in case nobody notices?

So maybe I was a little dubious as I took my first walk around the car. Or maybe I'd just got out of bed on the wrong side that morning because, as I circled the car, I grudgingly came to admit that the 2009 Mitsubishi Eclipse Coupe looked pretty damn fine after all. Even in yellow.

Solar yellow is one of three new colours for the Eclipse this year, along with Maizen Blue pearl and Quick Silver metallic.

Personally, I've always been partial to the burnt orange shade of Sunset Pearlescent, particularly handsome on this car. But almost any colour seems to compliment the play of light along the curvaceous lines and sinuous flanks of this fourth generation Eclipse.

For 2009, the front and rear bumper fascias have had a facelift. The aggressive front end adopts the gaping grille 'jet fighter intake' design cue from the popular Lancer Evolution, a look that is spreading across the Mitsubishi lineup.

There are two model choices within the Eclipse Coupe lineup — a four-banger base GS and an upscale V6-powered GT-P version. We'll leave the Eclipse Spyder convertibles for another story.

Under the hood, the base Eclipse GS starts things off with the standard 2.4-litre, 16-valve, SOHC four-cylinder engine equipped with Mitsubishi Innovative Valve timing and lift Electronic Control (MIVEC) technology, making 162 hp at 6000 rpm and 162 lb/ft of torque at 4000 rpm. This engine is unexciting but fairly frugal, rated at 10.5/7.3L/100km (city/hwy)(manual).

As tested here, the GT-P's six-cylinder engine, also enhanced by the MIVEC system, ups the power ante significantly, adding over a hundred more horses with a corresponding increase in torque. Officially, the 3.8-litre, 24 valve, SOHC V6 harnesses 265 hp at 5750 rpm and 262 lb/ft of torque at 4500 rpm. Fuel economy is rated at 13.1/8.0L/100km (city/hwy)(manual).

This was a fun engine to row through the gears, powerful and responsive.

Inside, the Eclipse Coupe is comfortable for two.

The one-piece highback front buckets feature open headrests for a sporty look and enhanced rear visibility and were inspired by Mitsubishi rally cars.

Although officially rated as a four-seater, the rear seat in the Eclipse, as is the case in most 2+2s, is an afterthought, suitable only for occasional torture and more usually used as a receptacle for briefcases, purses and other odds and ends.

As with most hatchbacks, rear storage is decent for a sports car although some space has been sacrificed here for a honking big subwoofer. Gotta have the tunes, baby.

Back up front, large, easy to read instruments and gauges were apparently motorcycle-inspired according to the literature and they feature exotic, Ice Blue nighttime illumination, a cool look that should be passed on to little brother Lancer interiors, especially in the Evolution.

The Eclipse Coupe's interior features large, easy to read instruments and a modern entertainment interface.

Some of the knobs in the Eclipse are big, jeepers, almost geriatric-sized but the hit-and-miss dash and instrument panel does the job with everything in relatively the right ergonomic spot.

Automakers showing sunny side

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Metro World News

One of the problems with electric cars is that while they are cheap to run and emissions-free, the electricity to fuel them still has to come from traditional energy sources.

But by using solar photovoltaic cells you can convert energy from the sun — which is both free and sustainable.

It's not a flawless plan as production of the cells and batteries uses energy and right now the solar set up is expensive. But could solar energy be the way forward for cars?

We're a long way off fully solar-powered cars going into production — you can't get enough charge from panels that fit a regular car's roof to run a car. But the use of solar power is starting to creep into the mainstream.

Audi A8, above, and the new Toyota Prius are some of the few models that offer solar panel sunroof option.

Buy an Audi A8 and you'll have the option to add a solar panel sunroof that can enhance the air-conditioning.

On the 2010 Toyota Prius, you'll be able to include a solar panel that powers an electric fan to cool the interior.

Right now the only completely solar power-driven cars out there are prototypes designed to showcase the potential of photovoltaic cells.

Most look like flying saucers — ultra-lightweight, with minimum passenger space and plenty of surface area for panels.

Solar power pioneers set annual challenges to showcase development in batteries and the technologies.

Teams of students race cars that use as much power as a hairdryer does from Texas to Alberta in the North American Solar Challenge. This October sees the 10th edition of the World Solar Challenge, with solar-powered corporate and academic types driving solar-powered vehicles 3000 km from north to south Australia.

City of bargains
If you're a fan of flea markets, head to the Braderie de Lille, Europe's largest flea market, to be held in Lille, France from Sept. 5-6. More than one million visitors stroll the city's streets that weekend to shop, take in street performances and eat moules frites, or mussels with fries. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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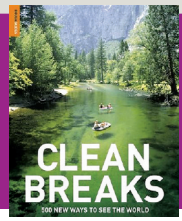

Low-impact travel

If you find the concept of eco-friendly travel — not to mention so-called responsible travel — intriguing in theory but difficult to put into practice, check out Clean Breaks: 500 New Ways to see the World (Rough Guides) by Richard Hammond and Jeremy Smith, $34.99. The book offers up all kinds of concrete ideas for trips that both minimize your negative impact on the earth and maximize your positive impact on a destination. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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5 pint-sized pod hotels

Smaller is better at this new breed of accommodation

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Two examples of the pod hotel concept in New York include, left, The Jane, which features cabin-style rooms, and right, The Pod Hotel.

These days, you can get miniature versions of just about everything: Magazines, toothpaste, mascara brushes ... the list is endless. But now travellers are searching out mini-sized hotel rooms that can serve as a sort of glorified locker while one heads off to explore a destination.

The concept of the pod or capsule hotel stems from Japan, where they were designed to give people with busy working lives — not to mention those who had a few too many shots of sake at a client dinner and missed the last bullet train home — a place to crash in for a few hours sleep.

The focus here is on cheap, comfortable and compact but stylish rooms that still manage to cram the latest technologies, from iPod docks to flatscreen TVs. Choose from these top five capsule hotels from New York to Tokyo:

The Pod Hotel, New York: Pod and blog

The concept: Although there is no denying the simple, stylish and high-tech pods are great value for money, this is of secondary importance at The Pod, where the focus is on saving energy (and cash) for socializing, interacting and discovering New York City. Stop at the Pod Café, a rooftop bar serving home-style organic food for a chat with your pod pals, or find out about their experiences on the Pod Community Blog, where guests can post comments about their stay, making it a sort of online concierge service.

Expect flash updates on what's cool in town, including music, free events and activities.

Price per pod: From about $112 per night.

The site: thepodhotel.com

The Jane, Manhattan: Survivors, sailors and holiday makers

The concept: This landmark hotel in New York's West Village was built as a hotel for sailors and restored for its centenary in 2008. The building's cabin-style rooms sheltered the stranded survivors of the Titanic in 1912, but you're now more likely to come across hip but cash-strapped travellers than seafarers these days.

The pod-sized rooms have the look and feel of a luxury ship's cabin — mixing iPod docking points and free Wi-Fi with antique fans. If you get a bit of cabin fever, the rest of the hotel is fortunately not based on the compact cruise ship concept — the grandiose ballroom lounge is always buzzing with guests also in search of open space.

Price per pod: From about $112 per night.

The site: thejanenyc.com

Yotel!, Heathrow Terminal 4, Gatwick South Terminal and Schiphol: Capsule cabin

The concept: Missed your flight? No need to strain your neck sleeping on a row of seats in the departures lounge when you can snooze for a couple of hours in a capsule-sized cabin with 24-hour room-service, monsoon showers and a jukebox to sing along to.

The pods are modelled after the interior of a plane — you are after all, in an airport — with rooms designed for travellers with overbooked schedules and a thirst for technology and comfort.

If you have time to kill before check-in, opt for a premium cabin featuring a techno wall with flatscreen TV, surround-sound and iPod docks. But don't get too comfortable, or you may miss your flight.

Price per pod: From about $53 for four hours or $114 per night.

The site: yotel.com

A corridor at the Yotel! chain, which offers capsule-sized cabins in several European airports including Heathrow.

Qbic, Amsterdam: Cubed and Tuned

The concept: A four-poster bed, a shower and chair packed into just seven square metres — this is no dollhouse, but an average room at the Qbic, where interior designer Philippe Starck created the decor.

Everything here is self-service, from check-in to the Grab & Go vending machine that dispenses everything from snacks to toothpaste and neckties.

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Londoners still enjoying theatre

LONDON London's theatres are booming despite the recession as audiences are boosted by the trend for cash-strapped Britons to holiday at home.

Record numbers of customers are flocking to shows in the capital, the Society of London Theatre said on Friday.

Total attendance for the year to July 18 was up 2.5 per cent from the same period last year and box office receipts were up 3.5 per cent. Nearly seven million visits were made to London theatres in the first half of the year.

"Today's figures are a real cause for celebration — not just for the theatre industry, but for the London economy generally," said Richard Pulford, the society's chief executive.

All types of production are doing well, with a strong performance by plays putting to rest fears that they were falling out of favour as musicals dominated the West End.

Last year more than 13 million people attended London theatres, so matching those figures was expected to be difficult against the backdrop of the economic crisis.

Musicals remain the most popular attraction with 61 per cent of theatregoers attending London productions. REUTERS

New Lufthansa bad weather insurance

BERLIN German airline Lufthansa has launched a new "sunshine insurance" offer to boost sales by offering flyers money back if it rains on their holiday.

For an extra fee — around 20 euros for a flight in Europe — customers in Germany will be able book flights with the added insurance to 36 destinations worldwide for travel between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31. The offer lasts until Aug. 18.

Germany has had particularly poor weather this summer. A Lufthansa spokeswoman said on Thursday that customers have been snapping up the offer. The company said last month it expected a tough year ahead. REUTERS

Two views of the rooms at Qbic, a pod hotel where guests can change the colour of lighting in their tiny living quarters.

The small-scale world of Pod hotels

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The high point of your short stay? In your quirky Cub' living space you'll be able to adapt the lighting — mellow yellow, red romance, deep purple love — to suit your mood.

Price per pod: From about $125 per night.

The site: qbichotels.com

Capsule Inn Akihabara, Tokyo: Inn Tokyo

The concept: You can sleep in a capsule that's the exact replica of a jet airplane cockpit in Tokyo's original pod hotel.

Like other pod hotels, Capsule Inn has separate floors for men and women, although sharing would be physically impossible as these functional pods are about the size of the average tanning booth rather than a hotel room. They are definitely not for the claustrophobic. There's also a main lounge area for those waiting for their next shuttle train home, or to the office.

Once nestled in your capsule bed, you'll be pleasantly surprised to find that there's still the space for a TV, radio, adjustable lighting and of course, an alarm clock — to make sure you actually make it back to work in time.

Toothbrushes, robes (Yukatas) and razors (to get rid of morning stubble) are supplied free of charge and although the inn has no eating facilities, there is a world of options waiting outside. If you need to check your email or join a conference call, the ground floor lounge has free Internet.

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The site: capsuleinn.com

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Hotel industry outlook
InterContinental Hotels, the world's biggest hotelier, has said a recovery for the industry might be two years away. The British group, which operates the InterContinental, Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn brands, declined to call the bottom of the hotel market. REUTERS

Top overlooked structures

Lists of beautiful buildings laud the Taj Mahal, the Eiffel Tower, and at least one token Frank Gehry building, but there are dozens of other equally beautiful choices that somehow always seem to remain unnoticed. Members and editors of VirtualTourist.com have compiled a list of what they think are the World's Top 10 Most Overlooked Beautiful Buildings and Structures.

DAVID PEDRE
An interior view of the Mezquita in Cordoba, Spain.

1 The Mezquita of Cordoba; Cordoba, Spain: This complex took more than two centuries to finish. Striped arches, breathtaking mosaics and endless columns constructed from onyx and marble make this a must-see when in Spain.

2 The Hoover Dam; Southwestern United States: A marvel of modern engineering, this Depression-era structure is most often noted for its sleek Art Deco lines and understated simplicity. As beautiful inside as out, the facility's terrazzo floors are not to be missed.

3 Shwedagon Pagoda; Yangon, Myanmar: A tradition of donating gold to the pagoda that dates back to the 15th century has clearly paid off. Dotted with literally thousands of diamond and rubies, this work of art's facade is eclipsed only by its interior with magnificent ceilings and containing the relics of ancient Buddhas.

4 Majolica House; Vienna, Austria: Whimsical, singular, and down-right amazing, Otto Wagner's masterpiece is one of the greatest products of the Art Nouveau movement.

5 Opera de Arame; Curitiba, Brazil: Virtually transparent, this wiry theatre plays host to some of the country's most important theatrical events. It's even more spectacular when lit up at night for performances.

6 30 St. Mary Axe ("The Gherkin"), London, England: While some scoff at the modern, bullet-like structure, others are impressed by its originality. It's more than three times the height of Niagara Falls.

7 Jantar Mantar; Jaipur, India: The Griffith Observatory of its time, this 17th-century planetarium of sorts played a pivotal role in predicting the area's astronomical and meteorological events.

8 The Golden Pavilion; Kyoto, Japan: The dramatic effect of the building's gold leaf reflected in the pavilion's surrounding, aptly named "Mirror Pond," makes this already striking structure doubly impressive. Though imposing, the building and its surrounding area make for a remarkably serene experience.

9 Wiblingen Abbey Library; Ulm, Germany: The showy splendor and unapologetic opulence of this Rococo building is in the "You have to see it to believe it" category. A bit gaudy, perhaps, but even critics have to admit to being wowed at the pure vision and execution of this not-so-quiet library.

10 TWA Flight Center; JFK Airport, Queens, New York: This futuristic, Eero Saarinen-designed terminal is a sleek, Jetsons-like structure epitomizing the glamour days of flying and was featured in the movie Catch Me if You Can. REUTERS

YURIKO NAKAO/REUTERS
A staff member sits on a leather seat inside Japan's first Hermès helicopter, which will provide a 30-minute luxury shuttle service between central Tokyo and Narita International Airport.

Hermès chopper offers quick ride to Tokyo airport

AIR TRAVEL Got to get to Narita airport from downtown Tokyo but pressed for time? Soon you will be able to hire a Hermès helicopter — and make it in just 30 minutes.

Japanese property developer Mori Building Co is launching a 30-minute luxury helicopter and limo service between a rooftop in the central district of Akasaka and Narita International Airport, normally a 70-kilometre ride that takes an hour and a half.

Apart from helping cut travel time, the city's first such service will allow passengers to look down on Tokyo from the luxury of the rich-brown calf-leather seats of a $10 million US EC135 model designed by French luxury brand Hermès.

The white chopper with ribbons in the classic Hermès orange painted along the sides can carry four passengers and will operate up to 22 flights a day starting Sept. 16.

The cost is $790 for a one-way ride. REUTERS

Off the beaten path with new travel magazine

NEW YORK Airlines are hurting and staycations are in vogue but an American entrepreneur is betting that even in a troubled economy wanderlust and curiosity will keep people jetting off to far-flung places.

And instead of escaping from the hum-drum of daily life to luxury hotels in exotic locales, or the usual tourist haunts, they will be looking for new experiences and to learn about the countries they are visiting and the people who live there.

"When times are difficult people are looking for something different. Afar is different," said Greg Sullivan, about the new travel magazine he will launch this month.

Through Afar, which will be published six times a year, he plans to create a voice for people interested in experiential travel — travelling to connect with the essence of a place and its people.

"I really believe that more and more Americans are looking to travel differently and they are looking to understand other people and other cultures," Sullivan, the founder and CEO of AFAR, added.

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International travel grew two per cent globally in 2008 to 920 million arrivals. It is expected to reach 1.6 billion by 2020, and more than 375 million will be long-haul travelers, according to the World Tourism Organization's long-term forecast.

The top regions will be Europe, East Asia and the Pacific, with cultural, educational, eco and adventure travel becoming increasingly popular. REUTERS

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Imaginarium trailer now online

The trailer for The Imaginarium Of Doctor Parnassus, which features Heath Ledger in his final role is now online. Director Terry Gilliam cast Johnny Depp and Colin Farrell take over the scenes Ledger had not yet filmed. **POPEATER.COM**

Entertainment

Nude photos

Nude photographs of Twilight star Ashley Greene have hit the Internet — and the actress' attorney is warning: Post them and you'll likely get sued.

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Men on a mission

Inglourious Basterds stars Brad Pitt.

Inglourious Basterds hits theatres next week

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Quentin Tarantino's latest pop art extravaganza, Inglourious Basterds, once again resurrects a formerly popular genre.

Having previously dabbled in the heist film, blacksploitation cinema, the chopsocky epic, and grindhouse horror, Tarantino has now turned his attention to a specific subset of war movies: The men-on-a-mission tale.

These films typically involve following a group of walking piles of testosterone on a seemingly impossible mission. Tarantino has assembled a colourful cast of characters, lead by Brad Pitt, who make it their goal to inflict as much pain on Adolph Hitler's Nazis as possible during the Second World War.

As always, his film is steeped in movies of the past. Here are a few examples of the best men-on-a-mission movies that preceded Inglourious Basterds.

The Dirty Dozen: The granddaddy of all men-on-a-mission tales refines the genre to its most basic components. We see a group of badass actors assembled for a special mission, watch them train, fight, and bond with each other, and then see the gang head into the big game for a massive and gloriously violent climax.

The cast is stocked exclusively with guys' guys like Lee Marvin, Charles Bronson, John Cassavetes, and football great Jim Brown.

The Big Red One: Writer/director Sam Fuller made a career out of aggression and sensationalism, but didn't create the most personal and arguably best film of his career until his '70s. The Big Red One once again puts Lee Marvin in command of a group soldiers during the Second World War, but this time Fuller mixes depressing wartime realism with the over-the-top theatrics (including the finest cinematic depiction of D-day until Spielberg went to Normandy).

Even at an epic 150 minutes, this is a streamlined action feast made to appeal to the audience's base macho instincts. The movie has become a cable classic for a reason: It elicits the same hoot-and-holler response from the target audience as a football game.

Available in a sadly truncated theatrical cut and an overlong, but more satisfying director's cut, this is one of the most unsentimental war movies out there.

The Inglorious Bastards: Tarantino stole the title and atmosphere from this ridiculous Italian exploitation flick from the '70s, but little else. The movie is about a group of American soldiers being sent home for various crimes (including murder), whose transport gets attacked by Nazis, forcing them to fight there way through Germany to make it to Switzerland and freedom.

It's absurdly violent and over-the-top, but that's just part of the fun. Starring '70s exploitation icon Fred Williamson, this is a lost trash classic.

Saving Private Ryan: Though Steven Spielberg's trademark sentimentalism and humanism might keep most audiences from recognizing it as being part of the genre, this is a men-on-a-mission film through and through. The movie has all the action and macho one-upmanship that defines the genre, it's just presented in a more realistic and Oscar friendly package.

Take off the unnecessary wrap around plot at a military graveyard and this is one of the purest and most entertaining men-on-a-mission movies ever made.

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Bones

You haven't seen "Bones" until you've seen Brennan and Booth (Emily Deschanel, David Boreanaz) steal a dead body in the middle of his wake. The deceased is a co-worker of Brennan's whose official cause of death is heart failure, but one look at him and she's convinced it was murder. But because he's going to be cremated that day, they need to get him out of there to find out for sure. Michaela Conlin also stars. 8 PM on 3 GTV 36 FOX

The Tudors

In case you didn't think he was serious, Henry (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) lays down the law in this episode. He decrees that all his subjects must take an oath acknowledging his supremacy and the validity of his marriage to Anne Boleyn (Natalie Dormer). The penalty for refusing or breaking the oath? Off with ... well, you know. Oh, and while he's at it, he decrees that only his and Anne's offspring are eligible to inherit the throne. 9 PM on 8 CBC

In brief

TV Simon Cowell will be a judge on American Idol for at least three more seasons. During the second-quarter earnings call of CKX, parent company of Idol co-producer 19 Entertainment, CKX chairman and CEO Robert Sillerman indicated that Cowell is finalizing a deal with Fox to continue on the top-rated reality show. Cowell hinted in the spring that he might leave the show at the end of his deal. But early in the summer, he entered negotiations with Fox for a new pact.

TV It's an Arrested Development reunion at Fox. The Emmy-winning series' creator/executive producer, Mitch Hurwitz, co-star Will Arnett and co-executive producer Jim Vallely have teamed for another single-camera Fox comedy. It stars Arnett as a rich Beverly Hills jackass who falls in love with a charitable tree-hugging woman who can't stand his lifestyle or values.

TV Fox's animated comedy King of the Hill will bow out after 13 seasons with an hourlong finale Sunday, Sept. 13. The show revolves around the family of Hank Hill. In the finale, The Boy Can't Help It/The Honeymooners, the Hills' teenage son, Bobby, is being teased by girls in his class. Hank, meanwhile, is shocked when his mother announces she is marrying a man she has known only for a few weeks. **REUTERS**

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Hudson's first baby

Singer Jennifer Hudson gave birth to her first child, David Daniel Otunga, Jr., on Monday. He is named after Hudson's fiancé, David Otunga. "The baby is beautiful and perfect," says Hudson's publicist Lisa Kasteler. "His parents are ecstatic." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Nicole's pregnancy fix: In-N-Out

MUST-HAVE With Nicole Richie due to have their second child in weeks, papa Joel Madden dishes on Richie's pregnancy cravings, people.com reports.

In lieu of the pickles and ice-cream combos demanded by some women, Madden tells People that the expectant mama has kept her list short.

Unfortunately, the simple requests come at a high price: While Richie's cravings may be limited to hamburgers from California's In-N-Out chain, the hunger pangs can occur any time — day or night.

"It's usually about two or three in the morning, and that's on me," Madden, 30, said. "I'm the one that has to run out — either go make her a sandwich or go to In-N-Out or whatever she wants at any given time."

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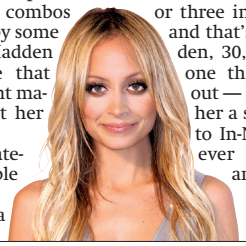

MJ's autopsy results kept hush-hush

UNDER WRAPS Michael Jackson's final autopsy report is for detectives' eyes only, people.com reports.

The Los Angeles coroner has completed its investigation into the death of Jackson, but the LAPD has asked for a security hold on the results as it continues its investigation.

Los Angeles police and federal drug investigators have launched a manslaughter probe apparently focusing on Jackson's personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, but also including other doctors, whose records have been seized.

The investigation has looked into the role the powerful anesthesia Propofol may have played. Murray was treating Jackson when the entertainer was stricken at home.

"The extension of security measures will help maintain the integrity of the investigation and allow investigators from LAPD's Robbery Homicide Division, as well as our partner law enforcement agencies to continue their investigation," the LAPD added. "The investigation being conducted by the LAPD has included dozens of individual interviews and the service of search warrants locally and out-of-state."

Miranda Sevcik, a spokeswoman for Murray's attorney Ed Chernoff, told People: "All we can say on this latest development is that we look forward to reading the report when it comes out."

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Prince caught in $300K rental row

BIG SPENDER Pop star Prince is embroiled in a lawsuit after allegedly failing to collect a $300,000 US security deposit from a house he was renting, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Purple Rain singer was paying $150,000 US a month to stay in a luxury property in Los Angeles and left without settling his $300,000 security bond, according to legal papers obtained by TMZ.com.

Property agents 3121 Rep Inc., the company that brokered the lease for Prince, filed a lawsuit in June suing the owners of the house in an attempt to get the money back.

But the homeowners want to give the money straight back to Prince, insisting the superstar made all the payments himself, and claiming 3121 was just a third party in the arrangements.

The two sides are now suing each other, with 3121 demanding the $300,000, while the owners of the L.A. property want their lawyer's fees paid.

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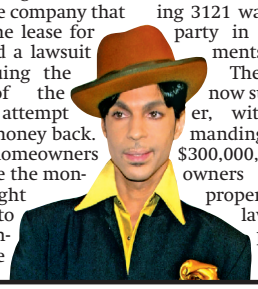

LiLo and Sam reunite in Chicago?

SO HAPPY TOGETHER Lindsay Lohan surprised on-and-off girlfriend Samantha Ronson by showing up at her birthday party in Chicago, fuelling speculation that the tumultuous twosome is back together.

The pair had dinner with Lohan's younger sister, Ali Lohan, before heading out to catch a concert at the Hard Rock Hotel, according to Page Six source, who said, "Lindsay was being horribly loud." The pair headed to bar where a source saw them "fighting over which drink belonged to whom."

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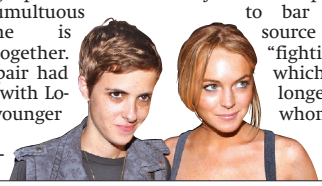

Stars rattled by Japan quake

CLOSE CALL Jessica Simpson feared she was "hallucinating" when she felt an earthquake in Japan, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Simpson wrote on Twitter: "Thought I was hallucinating. I have never felt anything like this in my life. Laying in bed watching CNN."

Beyoncé Knowles and her sister Solange also felt it. Solange tweeted: "My sister said she was scared out of her mind and calling my mom and I was snoring."

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Miley: I'm a 'Robby' convert

CHANGE OF HEART Miley Cyrus may have bashed Robert Pattinson in the past, saying, "Girls aren't really in love with him — they're in love with his Twilight character," but after meeting the heartthrob, she's changed her tune. "Gave a hug to Rob Pattinson today," Cyrus wrote on Twitter. "OK, girls, I get it now. So cute. Sorry 'Robby' about all my bashing in my past."

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Janet far from ex Jermaine's mind?

MOVING ON Janet Jackson is keeping a low profile after the death of her brother and the end of her seven-year relationship with Jermaine Dupri. But Dupri seems to be coping just fine.

The producer was allegedly flirting with any woman he could get his hands on at a Pete Yorn show in Chicago recently, Gatecrasher reports. "Jermaine was partying with friends and chatting up lots of girls," a source said. "He was in great spirits, and Janet seemed to be the furthest thing from his mind."

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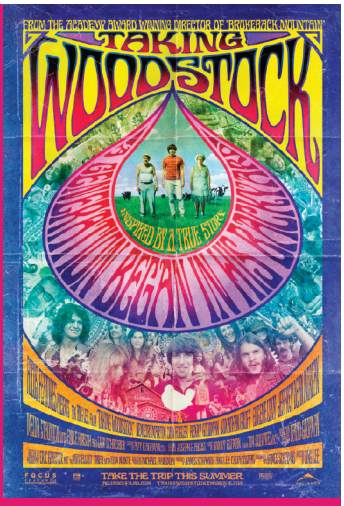

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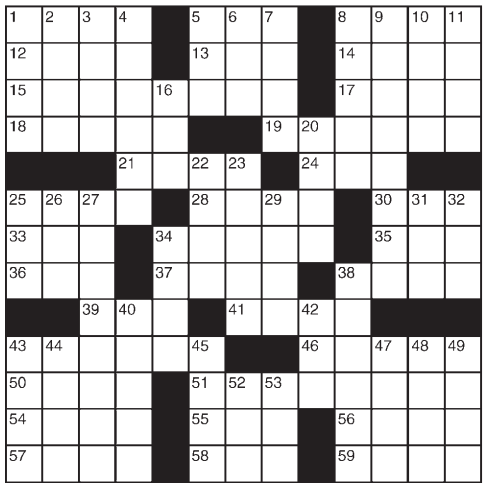

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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		9						7
	8				5		6	
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1	2		3		7		9	4
		4			8			
	5		1				2	
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

1	8	6	9	2	5	3	4	7
3	7	4	6	8	1	5	9	2
9	2	5	7	4	3	6	8	1
7	3	9	8	1	4	2	6	5
2	5	8	3	6	9	7	1	4
6	4	1	2	5	7	8	3	9
8	6	7	4	9	2	1	5	3
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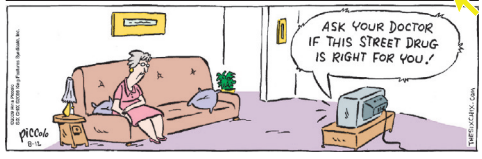

Metro Recipe of the Day

Roasted Salmon with Sautéed Greens

INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup (50 ml) balsamic vinegar
2 tbsp (25 ml) brown sugar
1 tsp (5 ml) mustard powder
1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
1 1/4 lbs (625 g) salmon, cut into 4 pieces
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
1 large red onion, cut into thin strips
8 oz (250 g) baby spinach

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler. In small bowl, combine vinegar, brown sugar, mustard and salt. Brush 1/2 of mixture over salmon. Broil until opaque, 4 to 5 minutes, brushing with vinegar mixture after 2 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook until lightly browned, 2 minutes. Cover and cook until tender, 2 minutes. Add spinach and cook, stirring, until almost wilted, 1 minute. Add remaining vinegar mixture and cook, stirring, until spinach is wilted and sauce thickens slightly, 1 minute.
3. Divide spinach mixture equally among 4 dinner plates. Top each serving with piece of salmon.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!

Horoscopes by Sally Brompton sallybrompton.com

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
The presence of someone you don't get along with is upsetting your emotional balance, so don't hang around. Have the confidence to get up and go.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
What happens today will give you a target to aim for, one you see as an exciting challenge rather than as a threat to be avoided.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The most important thing today is that you stay calm in all situations. The second most important thing is that you keep recent setbacks in perspective.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Not everyone approves of your aims and ambitions, but why should that bother you? For too long you have tried to win certain people over.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
There may be all sorts of negative things going on in the world around you but you can, you must and you will remain positive today.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The obstacles you face may be huge but you have what it takes to overcome every last one of them. Never doubt that you were born to be special.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may want to cut yourself off from the world and have some peace for a while but there is so much going on that it's not really an option.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
This will be a productive day, but try not to waste time and energy on tasks that bring little or no benefit to you personally.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You may not be getting the rewards you think you deserve but don't fret because a week or so from now your name will be up in lights.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
A journey of some kind will be a lot of fun but it will also bring you face to face with situations you are not sure how to handle. That's good.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
It may seem to some people that you have finally flipped your lid but in fact you have never been more rational. You see what others have missed.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Make it your business to find out why a loved one is feeling low, then do something about it. Pisces to the rescue — again.

This day in history

AUG. 12, 30 BC: Cleopatra VII Philopator, the last ruler of the Egyptian Ptolemaic dynasty, commits suicide allegedly by means of an asp bite.
AUG. 12, 1833: Chicago is founded.
AUG. 12, 1851: Isaac Singer is granted a patent for his sewing machine.
AUG. 12, 1908: Ford builds the first Model T.
AUG. 12, 1964: South Africa is banned from the Olympic Games due to the country's racist policies.
AUG. 12, 1981: The IBM Personal Computer is released.

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1. Actor Asner drove too fast (1)
2. Scandinavian power or police group (1)
3. "57 Varieties" company billboards (1)
4. Adjust the fit of a horse-leading strap (2)
5. Virgo follower's NFL refs, in slang (2)
6. "M*A*S*H" star Elliott slavered (1)
7. Random mixer-upper of winter scarves (2)

ANSWERS
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